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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. This Response is being submitted together with a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the time for response to November 17, 2008 (November 16, 2008 being a Sunday). Thus, this Response is timely filed.

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